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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: *Thlaspi caerulescens* Subspecies for Cadmium and Zinc Recovery
Inventors: LI *et al.*
Our Ref: 1797.0160001/RWE/CJW

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt;
3. A copy of the Official Filing Receipt with the correction noted in red; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

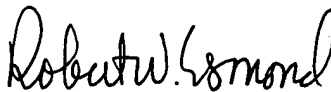
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Respectfully submitted,

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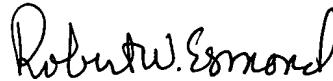
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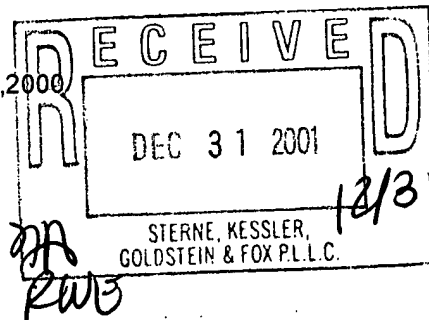
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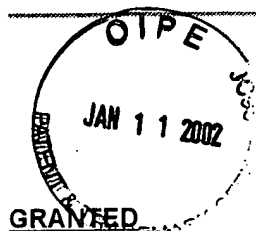
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